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Puetnitz Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Puetnitz airfield on 21 and 28 February 1955:

21 February. At about 1245, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off in rapid succession heading south. At about 1430, 2 swept-back jet aircraft returned from the south and landed at the field. Shortly after the landing, the two aircraft were towed by a truck to the hangars at the western edge of the field. At 1500, a Yak-14 took off and circled over Ribnitz at an altitude of 2,000 meters. During the air activity, it was observed that a well camouflaged Token-type set on the southern edge of the field between Puetnitz sheepfarm and Koepenbergr was in operation. The rotating metal parts of the set were seen glittering in the sun. A radio mast with several guy wires and next to it a truck were observed near the Token. At about 1600, the Yak-14 landed at the field. When the aircraft touched ground, the Token-type set stopped rotating. After a short time, the truck moved toward the hangars at the western edge of the field. No other aircraft were observed at the airfield.

28 March. A total of 24 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, 1 Yak-11 and 1 Po-2 were observed on the landing field. At 1530, the Po-2 took off heading east. At about 1545, the truck towed 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s from the hangars to the eastern end of the main runway. The aircraft were not used for air activity up to 1800. The Po-2 landed about 1800.¹

2. Radio and radar installations

The main position marker was located between the two northernmost buildings of Settlement Damgarten. This settlement reached to the north to the extension of the main runway. An unidentified antenna system was observed next to the main position marker. These radio installations were guarded by two sentries.

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Two masts were observed east of the Damgarten- Dechowshof Farm in the extension of the main runway, about 600 meters from the road. One mast was about 20 meters high and mounted an antenna of an unidentified type. The other mast had an estimated height of 25 meters with an umbrella-type antenna on top. Behind the two masts were 2 old barracks and 1 new barracks. A four-cornered tent with an opening on the side was observed between the antenna masts. An overhead line of 4 wires supported by poles, about 4 meters high and about 80 meters apart, extended from the wooden barracks at the northern edge of Damgarten Settlement along the flying lane to the two antenna masts.2

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4. Air activity and aircraft observed on 17 March and 3 April:

17 March. There was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s after 0900. A total of 41 swept-back jet fighters were observed on the auxiliary runway. The aircraft individually took off and landed at intervals of 1 to 2 minutes. Several aircraft were simultaneously aloft. During the air activity, two two-seater aircraft were definitely observed. No constructional changes were seen on these aircraft when compared with the MiG-15.

3 April. Two MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed in short succession and were immediately towed to the hangars on the western edge of the landing field. Four swept-back jet fighters were parked on the western edge of the landing field. No aircraft were seen on the site usually occupied by alert aircraft.1

5. No changes were observed on the radio and radar installations at the field.2
6. On 17 March, 34 railroad tank cars were observed on the classification track. On 3 April, 20 tank cars with fuel were shunted to the field.

1. Comment. It is believed that Puetnitz airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division and 2 fighter regiments. A total of 41 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted on the landing field. No constructional changes were observed on the aircraft.

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2. Comment. The radio and radar installations have previously been reported.

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